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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF DEC 30, DOVRAT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CAUTIONED THAT THERE MAY WELL BE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN BUDGET BEFORE FINAL KNESSET APPROVAL IS OBTAINED. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ALLOCATION TO MINISTRY OF POLICE HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY DECIDED AND THAT QUESTION FO VALUE-ADDED-TAX IS STILL UP IN AIR. KNESSET APPROVED VAT IN PRINCIPLE ON DEC 29, BY SLENDER MAJORITY, BUT WITHOUT AGREEING ON RATE, DATE OF INTRODUCTION, OR WHAT TAXES WILL BE REPLACED BY VAT.

- 2. WITH REGARD TRANSFER OF \$150 MILLION FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY PORTION OF DEFENCE BUDGET TO DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT, DOVRAT SAID THAT QUOTE SUCH TRANSFER WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE APPROVAL BY USG UNQUOTE. IN MEANTIME, HE SAID, FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENT OF DEFENCE BUDGET FOR FY-76 REMAINS AT \$1.9 BILLION (SEE REFTEL).
- 3. DOVRAT ALSO NOTED THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS RECENTLY PREPARED QUOTE FIRST PROJECTION UNQUOTE OF ISRAEL'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977. ECONOMIC MINISTER SHER SILL SUPPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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